

**Regular Session Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting
Principal’s Conference Room, Bedford High School
Monday, March 28, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Michael A. Rosenberg Chair; Caroline Fedele; William S. Moonan;
Margot Fleischman; Mark Siegenthaler and Town Manager
Richard T. Reed

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Town Manager Michael Rosen; Finance Director Victor Garofalo; Superintendent Jon Sills; Attorney Daniel Klasnick; Town Engineer Adrienne St. John; Capital Expenditure Committee Members Barbara Perry, Brian E. Bartkus, MaryEllen Carter, Eric Dahlberg, Antonio Battaglia, James O’Neil, Dan Brosgol; Finance Committee Members Paul Mortenson, Elizabeth McClung, Thomas Busa, Benjamin Thomas, Stephen Steele, Richard Bowen, David Powell, Karen Dunn, Stephen Carluccio.

Chair Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

16-223 Utility Hearing – Verizon Additions to Utility Pole on Spring Road

Ms. Fleishman made a motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Attorney Daniel Klasnick presented changes to the petition for the Selectmen to review concerning an addition to a utility pole which would increase the internet capacity to Middlesex Community College. The petition includes a proposed 5 foot extension, antenna and ancillary equipment. Town Manager Reed asked what specifically changed from the original plans. Mr. Klasnick explained that the type of antenna changed and it would be silver metallic color.

Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Fleishman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to grant the petition for a pole attachment to Cellco Partnership/Verizon Wireless. Ms. Fleishman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

16-224 Vehicle Purchase Agreements

1989 Bombardier – Gary Kaszowski

Wash Water Treatment and Recycling System – Corkery Trucks

Trailer Inc. Canton, MA

Open Channel Sewer Grinder – Franklin Miller Inc. Livingston, NJ

Town Engineer and Acting Department of Public Works Director Adrienne St. John discussed several vehicles that the department hopes to sell. She first explained that the old Bedford Local

Transit van is no longer useful and that the department does not wish to bid. A better option would be to work with a junk dealer.

Mr. Moonan made a motion to authorize the sale of the Wash Water Treatment and Recycling System to Corkery Trucks Trailer Inc. for \$101.00. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Moonan made a motion to authorize the sale of the 1989 Bombardier to Gary Kaszowski for \$1,727.00. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Moonan made a motion to reject the bid for the Bedford Local Transit Dodge Van from Gas Motors for \$32. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Ms. St. John explained that the Open Channel Sewer Grinder is vital to prevent damages to the central pumps and preventing sewage backups.

Mr. Moonan made a motion to award the purchase contract for the Open Channel Sewer Grinder from Franklin Miller Inc for \$51,925.00. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

16-225 2016 Annual Town Meeting – Article Recommendations

Article 5 - Bills of Prior Years

Article 8 - Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Conversion of Public School Buildings to Multi. Residential Use – Page Place

Article 18 - Bond Authorization – Job Lane School Addition

Article 22 - Supplemental Operating Budgets for Fiscal Year 2016 and Articles of the 2015 ATM

Article 30 - Free Cash

Article 5 - Bills of Prior Years

Mr. Reed informed Mr. Rosenberg that there are no bills of prior years at this time.

Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to indefinitely postpone Article 5 - Bills of Prior Years. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Article 8 - Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Conversion of Public School Buildings to Multi. Residential Use – Page Place

Mr. Siegenthaler said that the request is to change the zoning rather than a request for a specific project. The petition is not linked to an actual project making it a very subjective issue. It establishes a special permit process increasing the potential for offerings by the proponent to make the project more complex. The project has no affordable units presently; a change in zoning would allow potential affordable units to be included through special permit process.

The general consensus is to support this article and allow the Planning Board to implement it responsibly.

Ms. Fedele made a motion to recommend approval of Article 8 - Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Conversion of Public School Buildings to Multi. Residential Use – Page Place at Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Article 22 - Supplemental Operating Budgets for Fiscal Year 2016 and Articles of the 2015 ATM

Mr. Reed said that there is a proposal to utilize this article so as to amend the Selectmen and Police budget to transfer funds from the FY16 Selectmen's budget to the FY16 Police Department Budget in the amount of \$22,825. These funds were held for a contract settlement with the Police Supervisors Union. A settlement has recently been reached.

Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to recommend approval of Article 22 - Supplemental Operating Budgets for Fiscal Year 2016 and Articles of the 2015 ATM. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Article 30 - Free Cash

Mr. Reed stated that the plan in the fiscal model this year has been a plan to appropriate \$3 million of free cash to FY17 expenses.

Mr. Moonan made a motion to recommend approval of Article 30 - Free Cash at Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Fedele seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Article 18 - Bond Authorization – Job Lane School Addition

Mr. Reed stated the total estimate of the project is \$4,092,000. Superintendent John Sills highlighted what the Job Lane School Addition brings for an additional \$2.1 million. The project includes an additional five classrooms, two code-required bathrooms, a renovation of the main office to increase size and expanded parking. Mr. Sills also expressed that there is confidence that the project will meet deadlines.

Ms. Fedele made a motion to recommend approval of Article 18 - Bond Authorization – Job Lane School Addition at Annual town Meeting. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

**16-226 Proposed Job Lane School Addition
Debt Exclusion Vote**

There was a discussion about the ability of the Town to pay the increased cost of the Job Lane School Addition under the tax levy or through debt exclusion. Mr. Reed said staff worked to

create estimated budget modeling to highlight the effects this project has on the long range capital plan.

Mr. Moonan expressed concern with the number of assumptions in the proposal. He states a concern that this would increase the taxes paid by the residents. He believes that this can be affordable under the present level without compromising future expenditures.

Ms. Fedele expressed concern about whether this project will affect support for a future building project.

Mr. Reed said that Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA) requires the Selectmen to vote to authorize and approve of the school committee filing a statement of interest with the NSBA for a grant application. This will be discussed at a later meeting. The Selectmen decided to leave the article as printed in the Warrant.

Ms. Fedele made a motion to adjourn to Town Meeting. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27p.m.